

BATTLE RAGES FIERCELY ALONG ENTIRE BALKAN FRONT

BULGARS SAY ALLIES ATTACK IS REPULSED

Heavy Allied Infantry Attacks Break Against Strong Front Line

FIERCE FIGHT RAGES AT LAKE DORIAN

British and German Despatches Differ on Results of Western Battle

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., Aug. 17.—According to Bulgarian official reports, heavy fighting is in progress along the Balkan front, with the Allies taking the initiative. The despatch tells of strong infantry attacks being thrown back after fierce fighting, but that the battle is still raging at Lake Dorian, with the decision still in doubt.

ITALIANS STRAIGHTEN LINES; ADVANCE HALTS

ROME, Italy, Aug. 17.—The advance of the victorious Italians along the lower Isonzo is being held back awaiting the straightening out of the line by the capture of the mountain range in San Gabriele, San Marino and other positions between Talmio and Gorizia. The capture of these strategic positions seems imminent. There will be no advance on Trieste until these positions are taken and the line straightened out. Austrians are being slowly driven from Carso plateau, the enemy fighting desperately in their retreat.

BRITISH MAKE GAINS ON SOMME FRONT

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 17.—Fierce fighting is still going on along the Somme front. British troops have made substantial gains west and southwest of Guillemont, and in conjunction with the French are advancing on Maurepas along a front of several miles. West of Highwood a section of German trenches 300 yards wide and 300 yards deep were captured after fierce hand-to-hand fighting, the enemy contesting every trench stubbornly.

COUNTER ATTACKS ON SLAV LINES REPULSED

PETROGRAD, Russia, Aug. 17.—The Teutonic armies along the whole front are sending terrific counter attacks on the Slav lines, in the hope of stemming the onrush of the victorious Russians, and for the time being the advance has been checked. The whole eastern battle front is ablaze with violent artillery and rifle duels. Counter attacks by the enemy have all been repulsed.

BERLIN SAYS ALLIES REPULSED IN WEST

BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 17.—Heavy French and British infantry attacks along the entire Somme front have been repulsed.

ARTILLERY AT MAUREPAS

PARIS, France, Aug. 17.—A violent artillery duel is in progress north of Maurepas, evidently preparatory to launching infantry attacks against the battered trenches.

BASEBALL RESULTS TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At Chicago—Chicago 1, New York 0.
At Pittsburgh—Brooklyn 5, Pittsburgh 1.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At New York—New York 5, Cleveland 4.
At Boston—Boston 7, Chicago 0.
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 2.
At St. Louis—St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 2.
At Washington—Detroit 11, Washington 6 (first game).

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today.	Yesterday.
Alaska Gold	15 1/2	17 1/2
American Smelter	98 1/2	98 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	109 3/4	110
American Tel. & Tel.	132 1/4	130 3/4
Anaconda Copper	85 3/4	84 3/4
Atchafalpa	103 3/4	103 3/4
Baldwin Loco.	76 1/4	76 1/4
Baltimore & Ohio	87 1/4	87 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	46 1/2	46 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	19 1/2	19 1/2
Canadian Pacific	178 1/2	179 1/2
C. & M. St. P. (St. Paul)	95 1/2	96
Colo. Fuel & Iron	46 1/2	46 1/2
Cruible Steel	72 1/4	73 1/4
Erie Common	37 1/4	37 1/4
General Electric	169 3/4	170 1/4
General Motors	118 1/2	118 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	115 1/2	116
Inter. Harv., N. J.	49 1/2	49
Kennecott Copper	79 1/4	79 3/4
Lehigh R. R.	104 1/4	104 3/4
New York Central	55 1/2	56
Pennsylvania	25 1/2	24 1/2
Ray Consol.	98 1/4	99
Southern Pacific	131 1/4	131 1/4
Studebaker	25 1/2	25 1/4
Tennessee Copper	139 1/2	140 3/4
Union Pacific	92 1/2	93 1/4
U. S. Steel	118 1/2	118 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	82 1/4	81 1/2
Utah	96	94 1/2
Western Union	59 1/2	59 3/4
Westinghouse	59 1/2	59 3/4

JAPAN PRESENTS ITS PROTEST ON GARRISON ATTACK

After Conference of Officials Action is Taken; Prominent Lawyer Urges for War

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship)
TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 17.—Under instruction from his government, Minister Hayashi at Peking has begun negotiations with the Chinese government today on the question of the Chinese soldiers at Cheng-chia-tun, who attacked the Japanese garrison. Minister Hayashi officially informed the Chinese government that Japan will be compelled to reinforce her garrison on account of want of confidence in Chinese soldiers. Upon careful examination the casualties are found to be: 7 soldiers, 2 corporals and 1 policeman killed and 4 soldiers and 1 corporal wounded. Lieut. Matsuo, who commanded the garrison, was not killed as reported, but is fatally wounded.

(Special Cable to Hawaii Hoshi)
TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 16.—Baron K. Ishii, the minister of foreign affairs, has been to Nikko and called upon Emperor Yoshihito at his summer palace and reported the attack by Chinese soldiers at Cheng-chia-tun against the Japanese garrison there. Immediately after the minister's return to the capital a cabinet ministers' conference was held in which the question was discussed and Japan's attitude toward China determined.

After a conference between the minister of war, Gen. Oshima, and all heads of departments of the war office it was decided to despatch two divisions of soldiers to China.

When news of the attack at Cheng-chia-tun reached this city Kanjin Tomizu, a well known doctor of law and one of the professors in the Tokyo Imperial University, gave it as his public opinion that the Japanese nation cannot depend upon only the diplomatic ability of the present foreign office, that the country's honor is sufficiently smirched by the action of the Chinese soldiers against the Japanese garrison, and there is no other way to settle the question except by a declaration of war on China.

ATTORNEY WITHINGTON LEAVES FOR COAST TO ATTEND BIG MEETING

Attorney D. L. Withington will leave for the mainland on the steamer Niagara tomorrow and will be absent for five or six weeks. He will be accompanied by Lathrop Withington and wife, Mrs. Paul Withington and son and David Withington, Jr., the latter to enter Harvard this fall. While away Attorney Withington will attend the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in Chicago, and, with Circuit Judge Whitney, will attend a conference of the bar associations of the various states and territories as delegate from Hawaii. At the request of the supreme court he will represent the justices at a conference of the judicial section to be held on August 29.

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CANNERY HEADS RETICENT ON 'COMBINATION'

Mainland Despatch Says Big Merger is Being Engineered by Canning Houses

HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLE COMPANY MENTIONED

James D. Dole Will Neither Affirm nor Deny But Classes It as a Rumor

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—J. K. Armsby, the Alaska Packers' Association, the California Fruit Canneries' Association, the Central California Canneries, Balfour, Guthrie & Company, shipping agents, and the Hawaiian Pineapple Company are negotiating a great merger involving many millions of capital, and the consolidation of some of the most powerful commercial and industrial interests west of the Rockies.

For some time past the companies concerned have been feeling the pressure of the competition which necessitates the upkeep of duplicate distributing plants in various sections of the country.

This was felt to be a burden entirely unnecessary could it be avoided, and the project of a gigantic merger which would take in all of the interests concerned and enable a consolidation of the distributing plants was taken up for consideration.

Officials of the various companies concerned were questioned last night but flatly refused to make any statement regarding the plans for a merger. They admitted that such negotiations have been making progress, but declined to give details.

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FT. KAMEHAMEHA 12-INCH RIFLES ARE FIRED AGAIN

Night Practice at Fort Ruger Is Scheduled for August 24; Will Use Searchlights

More target practice, this time with the battery of 12-inch rifles and 3-inch guns, was held today at Fort Kamehameha, concluding the War Department practice at that fort, which held mortar battery practice Monday.

Today's practice concludes the regular practice required annually by War Department regulations of coast defense forts equipped with big guns.

Tomorrow Fort Armstrong will hold its target practice, but as this is a mine fort, having no heavy guns, practice will consist of exploding mines beneath a target towed past the mine fields to the Waikiki side of the harbor entrance here.

This morning there were three trial and seven record shots fired by the battery of 12-inch rifles at Fort Kamehameha, while the small 3-inch guns fired 40 shots.

According to Col. Alfred M. Hunter, C. A. C., commanding the Coast Defenses of Oahu, and also commanding officer of Fort Kamehameha, additional practice of coast defense forts on this island will begin next Tuesday, August 22, continuing through Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

GERMAN FARMERS ARE GETTING RICH SELLING RABBITS.

LONDON, Eng.—An Exchange telegram dispatch from The Hague says: "The price of horses in Germany has doubled. Farmers are making fortunes selling rabbits at 25 marks each. The bad weather is spoiling the crops."

The Consolidated Mining & Refining Co. at Dover, Del., has been incorporated with a capital of \$1,500,000.

WARSHIP IDEA QUICKLY WINS WARM SUPPORT

Efforts of Princess to Have Vessel Named Hawaii Are to Be Indorsed

MAYOR LANE WILL DRAW RESOLUTION

Civic Organizations, Officials and Individual Citizens Will Lend Their Influence

Honolulu is today realizing for Abigail Princess David Kawanakoa the hope that she expressed in her letter to the Star-Bulletin that the people of Hawaii would support her efforts to secure the naming of a warship for Hawaii. This evening a resolution indorsing the petition of the princess will be presented by Mayor Lane to the supervisors for passage by them and forwarding to the secretary of the navy. Civic organizations are also falling into line and individuals of prominence and influence will support her proposal.

Although it develops that in accordance with present customs a battleship could hardly be named Hawaii, the modern fast and formidable battle-cruisers are eligible for the honor. The ruling has been that battleships are to be named after states. It is claimed that Hawaii not having attained statehood is not in line for the naming of such vessel but is eligible for vessels of the cruiser type and classes. This point was raised by Raymond C. Brown and by Charles R. Forbes. Neither of them opposed the proposal of the princess but on the contrary offered the amendment that Hawaii seek the best obtainable.

Mayor Lane received the advice of what Princess David Kawanakoa has done in Washington with enthusiasm and said that he would do all in his power to bring about the end she desires and would use his personal and official influence to do so. He then promised to have drafted resolutions on the subject for presentation to the supervisors at their meeting tonight and to be sent to the secretary of the navy following adoption.

Raymond C. Brown said that this was not the first time the matter had been considered but that he was confident the chamber of commerce would support it and would have its representative in Washington call personally on the secretary of the navy and urge the naming of a cruiser of the most modern type Hawaii.

REPORTED SALE LANAI ISLAND GIVEN DENIAL

Trip Declared to Have Been One of Pleasure Only and Not Business

"The results of our trip to Lanai?" repeated R. W. Shingle of the Henry Waterhouse Trust Co. "Oh, we had a fine time—went fishing, visited Mokeniki; went swimming every day; had the best vacation in years."

"Was the island sold? Where did you get that idea? No one has asked us to sell them the island. It was a purely pleasure trip. I wasn't trying to sell anything. There are no negotiations on that I know of."

Thus he disposed of the rumor printed when the party left that H. J. Lorentzen has an option on the property for \$1,000,000. Lorentzen was one of the party and the fact that he made an offer for A. M. Brown's interest in the Cornwell ranch before it was sold lent color to the rumor.

W. B. Pittman, a brother of Senator K. Pittman of Nevada, was also one of the party. It was rumored that the Nevada senator, having made a great deal of money in tungsten since the war began, was looking for a place to invest when hearing of the opportunities for investing in Lanai ranch property he sent his brother to investigate.

But Shingle denied this. Asked about the statement of James Woods, representative of the St. Francis Hotel interests, who visited here, that the Beckley property, has been selected as the site for a hotel to be erected by local capitalists, of whom Shingle was named as one, he refused to reply definitely. "I am not ready to say yet," he declared. "We have not bought the Beckley property, nor have we an option on it."

Asked to deny Woods' statement that the Beckley site had been selected, he refused.

BELIEVE PRINCE WILL ASK TO BE NAMED GUARDIAN

His Counsel Intimates This May Be Next Move in Fight to Break Queen's Trust

LILUOKALANI'S SANITY MUST BE DECIDED FIRST

If Held She is Competent, Suit is at End, is Contention of Her Attorney

That the next development in the suit brought by Prince Kuhio to break the trust in which the property of Liliuokalani is held will be a petition for the appointment, or reinstatement, of the delegate as guardian ad litem of the queen, is the opinion of attorneys in close touch with the now famous litigation which, on Wednesday, was remanded back to circuit court by virtue of a decision by the supreme court.

Although the supreme court is of the opinion that Kuhio has no connection with the case as a party plaintiff, yet, in the decision, it leaves the way open for someone to petition for the appointment of a guardian ad litem for the queen, and then for the filing of a petition to reinstate the queen as a party plaintiff.

"But," declares Judge Antonio Perry, the queen's attorney, "they cannot make Liliuokalani a party plaintiff until it is proved that she is mentally weak and, as alleged in the complaint, under the undue influence of Col. Curtis P. Iaukea and John A. Dominis, and also that she is not a free agent."

If a move is made toward the appointment of a guardian and the queen's reinstatement as plaintiff, a hearing must immediately be had to determine finally the question of the queen's mental competency. Judge Perry adds:

"Then, if the court finds that the queen is mentally competent, not under the undue influence of Dominis and Iaukea, and therefore capable of managing her own affairs as a free agent, the whole case is settled," he concludes.

Judge Perry interviewed the queen

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WALL STREET AS BAROMETER DOES NOT SAY STRIKE

Visiting Railroad Man Points to Fact Railway Stocks Hold Up Well

While endless conjecture is circulated concerning the threatened railway strike, Charles H. Loucks, a Pennsylvania man, who arrived on the Matsonia, points to the stock market as a good indication of whether the strike will or will not be averted.

"If capital were fearful of a general strike as disastrous as the pending one might be," he said, "I do not believe the stock market would be as firm as it now is."

Loucks is cashier of the First National Bank of St. Louis, Pa., and is connected with the Pennsylvania Railway, one of the greatest carrier systems in the world. He is accompanied here by Mrs. Loucks. They are staying at the Young Hotel. Loucks was here for two days 18 years ago on his way to the Philippines as a private in the militia infantry of Pennsylvania.

On account of his connection with the Pennsylvania system, Loucks said he was not at liberty to speak in detail upon the strike situation. He said, however, that when he left home the people generally did not believe it would take place and were not particularly concerned about it.

SCHAEFER SHOTS PICTURE OF KAISER AND IS MOBBED.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—George Schaefer of Hoboken, N. Y., entered the saloon of B. H. Muttarg the other morning. Several persons in the place were singing German songs.

Schaefer objected and demanded American songs. The singers did not oblige him and he whipped out a revolver and fired three shots into a large portrait of Kaiser Wilhelm.

Several Germans in the saloon started at Schaefer and when they had finished he went to Dr. Spath, who treated him for several lacerations of his head and bruises about his body. Schaefer was arrested as disorderly.

COKE IS TERMED INELIGIBLE IN RECENT LETTER

Writer Objects to Consideration for Judgeship Because of His Senatorship

EVIDENTLY WRITTEN BEFORE RESIGNATION

Question of Right of Governor to Accept His Retirement Now Important

At the time the letter referred to in the cable was written, James L. Coke was a senator as the letter states. Later he presented his resignation to the governor and it was accepted. He considered that this was final and ended his being a public officeholder. On the other hand there are lawyers who contend that under the organic act the governor has not the power to accept the resignation of a member of the legislature and that hence the resignation was inoperative and ineffective. This phase of the matter is the point that it may be necessary for the United States attorney-general to determine in case the appointment of Coke should be determined upon by the president.

Attorney C. C. Bittling, former assistant U. S. attorney, also is a candidate as successor to T. B. Stuart, whose resignation as third judge of the local circuit court recently was sent to the White House, is information which has reached the Star-Bulletin from a reliable authority. Bittling could not be reached today to confirm or deny the report.

It is understood that Bittling has received considerable local indorsement for the judgeship, and that he informed a local attorney recently that he had written to the attorney-general to the effect that James L. Coke was not qualified for the position on the ground that the latter was a senator and that senators could not resign under the territorial statute.

Attorney Coke says that he will accept the judgeship if it is offered him. He recently tendered to the governor his resignation as senator, and the resignation was accepted. He has the indorsement of the Hawaiian Bar Association for the appointment to succeed Stuart.

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MURDER CHARGES DISMISSED BUT MAY NOT END CASE

Grand Jury May Investigate as to Death of Woman in Insane Ward

Although the charge of first degree murder against John Gomes was dismissed in police court this morning and he is now a free man, it is believed the case will be investigated by the grand jury.

Mrs. John Gomes died in the insane asylum following an alleged assault by her husband. Upon a report made by Dr. L. L. Patterson, assistant superintendent of the asylum, and read in court by Prosecuting Attorney Chillingworth, the dismissal is based.

The report in part is as follows: "Augusta Gomes was very noisy, singing and waving her hands and feet; we had to put her in restraint on entrance *** persisted in tearing her clothing off *** was well nourished *** on the left hand were bruises; her right hand was also bruised *** legs had scratches *** an open wound on ribs was found. *** Patient continually thrashed her arms and legs until death *** ate only a few bites by herself. Patient gradually weakened through the incessant physical exertion and refusal to eat, dying July 28. I gave as the cause of death exhaustion from chronic mania."

Police Surgeon R. G. Ayer, who has been interested in the case, says the intention of the charge made against Gomes was not that the wife had died as a direct result of the wounds, but rather as a direct result of the alleged assault. The doctor believes the as-

CONFEREES APPOINTED WITHIN THREE DAYS

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MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Aug. 17.—It is reported here that Foreign Minister Aguilar of the de facto government has received assurances from the state department at Washington that the commissioners to represent the United States in the conference with Mexican envoys to adjust the differences between the two countries will be chosen within the next three days.

The refusal of Supreme Justice Brandeis and one other commissioner whose name has not transpired to serve has been the cause of delay in getting the conference under way.

The Canadian Gasoline Corporation, Ltd., of Ottawa, has been incorporated with a capital of \$3,000,000.

The Mutual Trust Company of Orange, N. J., was closed by an order of State Banking and Insurance Commissioner Lamonte.

assault brought on the insanity and the latter resulted in death, according to Dr. Patterson's report.

RAILWAY HEADS ASKED TO MEET WITH WILSON

Financial Interests May Be Asked to Help End Controversy

WILSON TO DEAL WITH "ULTIMATE AUTHORITY"

Rumored That Railroads Rejected Plan to Grant Eight-Hour Day

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—President Wilson today sent invitations to the presidents of the principal railroads for a conference on the labor situation. It is said here that if he finds the railroad chiefs are unable to fully enter into negotiations for a settlement of the dispute pending, the financial interests controlling the various lines will be asked to join in an endeavor to find a basis of settlement.

The chief executive has let it be known that he wants to deal only with those in "ultimate authority" on both sides.

This action is interpreted here to mean that the conference committee representing the managers has refused to agree to the president's proposal that they concede the eight hour day demanded by the Brotherhoods, leaving the question of payment of overtime to a board of arbitration to be appointed later.

Pending the arrival of the presidents there will be no conferences with the managers, many of whom are now en route to the capital.

This afternoon President Wilson will present his plan for adjustment to the 640 members of the Brotherhoods general committee, after which any decision which may be arrived at will be laid before the railroad presidents.

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